Public Notice Proposed Issuance of a Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit to Midwest Electric Power, Inc. in Joppa

Midwest Electric Power, Inc. has requested a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for the air emissions from its electric power generation facility located at 2200 Portland Road in Joppa. The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act. The conditions of CAAPP permits are enforceable by the public, as well as by the USEPA and Illinois. The beginning of this public comment period also serves as the beginning date of the USEPA 45 day review period, provided the USEPA does not seek a separate proposed period. CAAPP permits may contain new and revised conditions established under permit programs for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the federal Clean Air Act, thereby making them combined Title V and Title I permits. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, Title V, New). These documents and the application are available at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2309 West Main Street in Marion, 618/993-7200 and at 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, Illinois, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight November 8, 2003. If sufficient interest is expressed in a permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.